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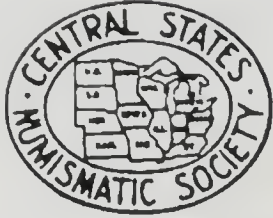
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Presidential Commentary

W. Ray Lockwood

Here we go again! Fran and I spent three great days at the Michigan State Numismatic Society Fall Show in Dearborn. This well respected bourse always attracts a great crowd of dealers and collectors. The 2000, Thanksgiving weekend event is an excellent example of how to run a great coin show. CSNS Governor, Don Charters, outgoing MSNS President, Ray Dillard, and the entire Michigan show crew do it right! Michigan hospitality ranks right up there with the Hoosier variety. Just for the record, we signed up six adult and 14 junior CSNS members. Welcome all!

Vice President, Harry Tileston, pinch-hit for me at the Indiana State Numismatic Association show on the first weekend in November. Harry not only manned the CSNS table, he also conducted a YN program and spread the word about our April, 2001 Convention in Indy. Thanks, Harry!

Just a brief word about exhibiting at our April, 2001, Convention. As you know, my good wife, Fran, is again serving as Exhibit Chairperson. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find her personal letter of invitation to exhibit. Please consider making our exhibit area the biggest and best yet. If you do exhibit, I know that I will have a very happy wife!

I want to challenge each CSNS member to sponsor at least one new member during 2001. Promoting CSNS membership is an excellent way to promote our hobby. If you need membership blanks, call or write our Secretary/Treasurer, Jerry Lebo. Our hobby is alive and well. It's a great time to be a coin collector. It's also a great time to tell fellow numismatists what CSNS membership is all about. Please do your part.

Fran and I hope to meet and greet many CSNS members at our April 6-8, 2001 Convention in Indianapolis. You will have a good time in Indy. When you arrive at the Indiana Convention Center, please ask for us so we can extend a hearty welcome. Look for the gold jackets and experience Hoosier hospitality first-hand!

W. Ray Lockwood
President

In Memoriam

The Board and membership of the Society join in extending our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following members who passed away recently.

R 5476 Helen Carmody Lebo Huntington Beach CA



Central States Numismatic Society

To All Potential Central States Exhibitors

You are invited to exhibit your coins, tokens, medals, paper money or other numismatic material at our 62nd Anniversary Convention, April 6, 7, 8, 2001, in the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis, IN.

All eight exhibit categories will be competing for U.S. Gold Eagles in beautiful Capitol Plastics holders. To the best of our knowledge, Central States is the only major numismatic organization to award gold coins to Best-of-Show and to the top three winners in each exhibit category.

Our 2001 show will feature the "Best-of-Show" award, a one-ounce U.S. Gold Eagle, named in memory of Frank Russell, well-known Indianapolis exhibitor and judge. One of our newest awards, "Best Exhibit by a First-Time CSNS Exhibitor," will be named in memory of Peter Phillips, long-time exhibitor and former CSNS Governor from Wisconsin. Central States is very proud to announce that the "Most Educational Exhibit" will forever be named in memory of John Jay Pittman. This award has been generously endowed by John Jay's daughter, Polly. These latter two awards will contain a 1901 Morgan dollar and 2001 U.S. Silver Eagle. All exhibitors will receive a special CSNS silver logo medal and a meal ticket just for entering an exhibit, competitive or non-competitive. A "People's Choice" award will be given for the first time this year!

Please consider bringing your exhibit(s) to Indianapolis in April, 2001. Our 62nd Anniversary Convention will be so much better if you participate. Get your exhibit together and mail the enclosed application back to me soon. The deadline is March 24, 2001. If you have questions concerning set-up times, judging standards, etc., I will try to answer them by return mail once your application is received. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me by regular mail, E-mail, fax, or telephone. REMEMBER, you must be a Central States member to exhibit. Contact Jerry Lebo for an application.

Thanks for taking time to read this invitation to exhibit in 2001!

Regards,

Fran Lockwood, Exhibit Chairperson

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A Message from the Secretary

Jerry Lebo

As most of you know by now, my wonderful wife, Helen Carmody-Lebo, died January 3 in a fire at our apartment in Huntington Beach, Calif. I was in Indiana attending to some Central States business when it happened. Of course, I flew to California and attended to arrangements, etc., before returning to Indiana.

I'm so grateful to all our friends for their phone calls, e-mails and cards of condolence during this tragic time in my life.

We had no memorial service in California because Helen's brother, Don, who flew out from Michigan, believed their 87-year-old mother, Bea, couldn't handle it.

I understand the American Numismatic Association is planning a memorial service at Salt Lake City. It is my wish that any memorial donations in Helen's name go to the ANA Building Fund. Helen, of course, was a three-term ANA governor and served as vice president until some health problems prompted her to step down last summer.

What follows was written prior to Helen's death.

Our annual dues notices were mailed late in December and payments are coming en masse, as usual. Under the "we goofed" department, those of you receiving dues notices can see that the year 2000 was used instead of 2001 on the enclosed membership card. However, it's the "paid to" line that counts. It will show 3-1-02, and the card becomes valid upon payment of dues. We send the card with the notice, rather than waiting to send the card after payment is received. We save time and postage that way.

Elsewhere in this issue is the "Honor Roll," which lists membership anniversaries for individuals who have belonged at least 20 years. The list is in increments of five years, which means somebody who has belonged for 22 years, for example, was listed two years ago and will be published again on his or her 25th anniversary.

Governor Marv Mericle, in his role as historian, continues his search for material to add to the society's archives.

If you have anything that might be a candidate for the CSNS archives, please contact Marv. His mailing address is shown in the list of officers elsewhere in this issue. One item that has eluded Marv thus far is Volume 12, Number 1 of *The Centinel*, published back in 1964.

As this is being written during December, Marv and Governor Kermit Wasmer were planning to represent Central States at the FUN convention in

Florida during January.

President Ray Lockwood and wife Fran were at the Michigan State convention over the Thanksgiving weekend. They signed up 20 new CSNS members, including 14 YNs. Great job! Vice President Harry Tileston most recently represented CSNS at his Louisville shows and at Governor Paul Padgett's Greater Cincinnati show.

Not only are we promoting our organization by attending various conventions, we're also promoting our upcoming April convention in Indianapolis. I'm pleased to report more than 200 bourse tables have been sold. If past performance can be trusted, we should wind up with nearly 300 booths in Indy.

General Chairman Kevin Foley is at work with various endeavors, and the host Indiana State Numismatic Association is setting up YN activities. Fran Lockwood reports exhibit applications are arriving at a fairly brisk pace. Be sure to consider entering this competition which offers gold coins as prizes for the winners.

Cliff Mishler, Anthony Swiatek and Scott Travers are early entries as speakers for the educational programs. Scott probably will be reviewing the just released fourth edition of his 270-page "Coin Collector's Survival Manual."

Meanwhile, an effort is under way to establish a statewide numismatic organization in Ohio. It's a little surprising that a state with such a large population base doesn't already have a statewide coin organization. We hope the effort is a success.

Spearheading the project is the CNS/COINS club, based in Columbus. For more information, contact club president Bill Kamb, 224 Olentangy Ridge Place, Powell OH 43065. I might add that Bill already has picked the brains of several CSNS officers, who provided information about the CSNS structure as well as their experiences serving statewide organizations elsewhere in the Midwest.

As this is being written in January, it's cold and snowy outside. Here's hoping for an early spring in the Midwest and a good time for all at our April convention in Indianapolis.

Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

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25 Years (1976)

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35 Years (1966)

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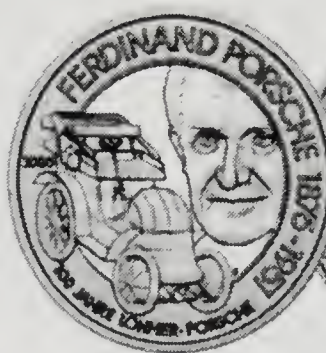


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In Memoriam

HELEN CARMODY-LEBO



Helen Carmody-Lebo, immediate past president of the American Numismatic Association, died Jan. 3 in an apartment fire.

The fire occurred at her residence in Huntington Beach, Calif. Her husband, Jerry Lebo, was at their other home in Indiana at the time of the fire.

Mrs. Carmody-Lebo, 62, was involved in many facets of the hobby. Her formal introduction to numismatics was through her first husband, coin dealer Don Carmody, who died in 1994.

She was a founding member of Women in Numismatics as well as the Society of U.S. Commemorative Coins. She served the latter as president 1986-1987 and for several years as editor of its award-winning journal, *The Commemorative Trail*. In 1987 and 1988, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo struck U.S. Constitution and Olympic commemorative coins at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. She also took an active interest in the design of the California quarter, which will be issued in 2005 as part of the Mint's 50 states quarter program.

She held membership in many national, regional and state numismatic organizations and was a life member of the ANA.

For many years, she was a familiar sight at the Long Beach Coin and Collectibles Expo, helping collectors and dealers at the information desk. She also served as a judge for the Numismatic Literary Guild and was an acknowledged authority on U.S. commemorative coins, about which she was writing a book.

Joining the ANA in 1983, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo was first elected to the ANA board of governors in 1993 and served three terms before being elected vice president in 1999. In August 2000, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo stepped down from the board, citing health concerns. According to friends, her health was improving of late and she was beginning to re-

sume some of her activities.

“To know anything about this hobby and its spirit is to know Helen and what she did for us all,” said ANA President H. Robert Campbell. “On behalf of the 30,000 members of the ANA, I express our deepest condolences to Jerry, Helen’s mother and her brother. She was a loyal friend to everyone and will be remembered always.

An ANA regional coordinator for many years, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo was the first recipient of the association’s Outstanding Regional Coordinator award for her service in that area in 1994. She received the ANA’s Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 1990 and the association’s second highest honor, the Medal of Merit, in 1991.

That same year, she was named a Numismatic Ambassador by *Numismatic News*.

Born in Connecticut in February 1938, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo graduated from Naugatuck High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, and from the Katharine Gibbs School. She attended the University of Connecticut and later pursued a career in television, working for CBS president Frank Stanton before working in entertainment law. She married numismatist Jerry Lebo in December 1998.

In biographical information supplied the ANA in 1995, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo responded to a question about contributions for which she would most like to be remembered: “I always did my utmost to benefit my fellow hobbyists. The riches I have gained have been immeasurable; not just in the acquisition of items but in the priceless circle of friends on whom I can rely in even the most difficult times.”

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Carmody-Lebo is survived by her mother, Bea Lenskey of Huntington Beach, Calif., and her brother, Donald Lenskey of Gladwin, Mich.

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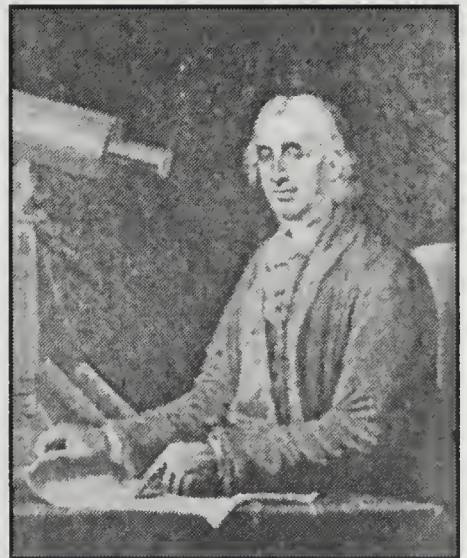
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Born at Paper Mill Run, in what is now Germantown, Pennsylvania on April 8, 1732, David Rittenhouse was a celebrated leader in several different areas. Although, lacking a formal education, he distinguished himself as an astronomer, mathematician, surveyor, teacher, maker of clocks and mathematical instruments, and the first mint director of the first U.S. Mint. Along with his friend Ben Franklin, he is considered one of the leading American scientists of his time. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of London, and received a doctorate of laws from the College of New Jersey in 1789. Two years later he succeeded Franklin as president of the prestigious American Philosophical Society. Thomas Jefferson served as vice president of the Society under Rittenhouse, and followed him as president.

Rittenhouse, being a surveyor, made many topographic maps and surveys for roads and rivers. He also performed property surveys as well. He was the city surveyor of Philadelphia for part of 1774. The most significant and widely known of his field work dealt with laying out boundaries between states. This work typically involved the ranging of lines of either latitude or longitude, according to positions determined from his astronomical observation. He set up jurisdictional lines in Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Rittenhouse

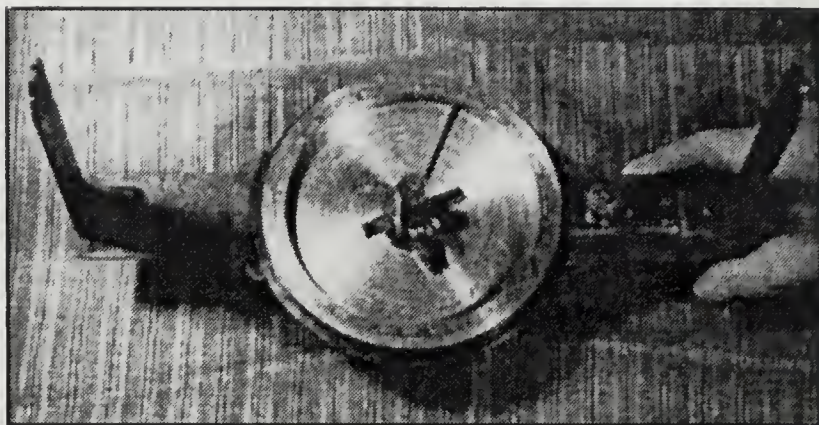
also helped run the 90 mile westward extension of the Mason-Dixon line, set the southwest corner of Pennsylvania, and helped make a perfect arc for the northern boundary of Delaware. From this location, a party of commissioners including David Rittenhouse, Andrew Ellicott, and General Andrew Porter, together with 30 men, ran north in 1785 to set the Pennsylvania-Virginia boundary. Along the way, they set a post on the north bank of the Ohio River. That marker, described as "the post set up by Mr. Rittenhouse," in the journal of General Richard Butler, was adopted later that year by Thomas Hutchins as the Initial Point for the survey of the Seven Ranges. The Rittenhouse post thus became the starting point for subdividing the public lands of the United States under the Land Ordinance of 1785.

David Rittenhouse is known for several of the instruments he made which



David Rittenhouse

show mechanical ingenuity. Some are artistically decorated while others are not. As a practical surveyor, David Rittenhouse was well aware of the problems of magnetic variation and how it changed over time and place. He researched the differences



*D. Rittenhouse Philadelphia variation compass.
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in needle readings between various compasses for the same alignment of the sights. He also made at least one instrument designed for measuring the earth's magnetic variation. This innovative instrument, which should probably be termed a variation compass, incorporates the mechanism of the vernier compass, perhaps without that result intended. An example is now owned by the New York State Library at Albany. (see photo of variation compass) The variation compass has two unique features; several concentric circles cut into the compass face, and a small brass solar device which fits over the pin once the needle is removed. Accessories include a spirit level attached to a small straightedge, and a wooden case with adjustable brass legs for leveling. The graduated ring of the variation compass rotates a full 360 degrees, and can thus accommodate the morning and afternoon values of the sun's bearing. He also invented the surveyor's plain compass with an automatic needle lifter. This device mechanically guards the sharp center pin against wear during non-working conditions. A small lever protrudes downward from inside the unit's staff socket. (see diagram of automatic needle lifting mechanism) Pushing up on this lever causes the compass needle to be lowered onto the pin. This occurs automatically when the instrument is placed upon a tripod or staff. When removed from the support, the lever returns causing the needle to be lifted off the pin.

Along with being a surveyor, he was also an astronomer and clockmaker. He was the first American to use a spider web for the cross hairs in a telescope.

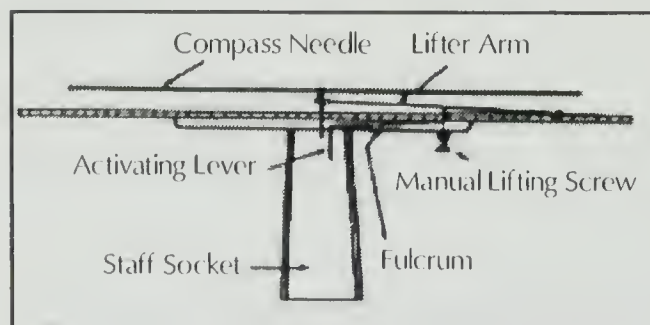


Diagram of the automatic needle lifting mechanism.

Rittenhouse is also considered one of the finest American clockmakers in history. One clock he built in 1774 was refused by the intended buyer, Joseph, as too large. Today it is considered not only be his personal masterpiece, but the finest American clock ever built. During the American Revolution,

Rittenhouse served on the Board of War, making special contributions in the field of army munitions. He also served as treasurer of Pennsylvania from 1777 to 1789.

Along with being a great inventor and scientist, Rittenhouse was also appointed as the first U.S. Mint's First Mint Director. The Act of April 2, 1792, was passed by Congress to establish the first United States Mint in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then the Capital of the United States. Nearly two weeks later, a newly elected President Washington appointed Rittenhouse as the first U.S. mint director on July 18, 1792. Also on that date, the government purchased an L-shaped piece of ground located at 37-39 North Seventh Street and 631 Filbert Street as the site for the First U.S. Mint.

During his time as mint director, in 1794, Rittenhouse made the decision to reduce the amount of pure silver incorporated into the coinage. He, in effect, altered the legal standard for the circulating coinage as described by the 1792 basic mint law. His successor as Mint Director, Elias Boudinot, discovered this activity late in 1795, suspended the minting of silver coinage, and immediately ordered changes which would return the coin to its legal weight. New denominations were introduced in 1796, including the Dime, Quarter and the Quarter Eagle. The Dime and Quarter were struck intent upon replacing the Mexican equivalents which circulated widely throughout the commonwealth; the Spanish one Real and Spanish two Reales pieces. Like the Dime and Quarter, the gold Quarter Eagle were not in very much demand when these denominations were first released.

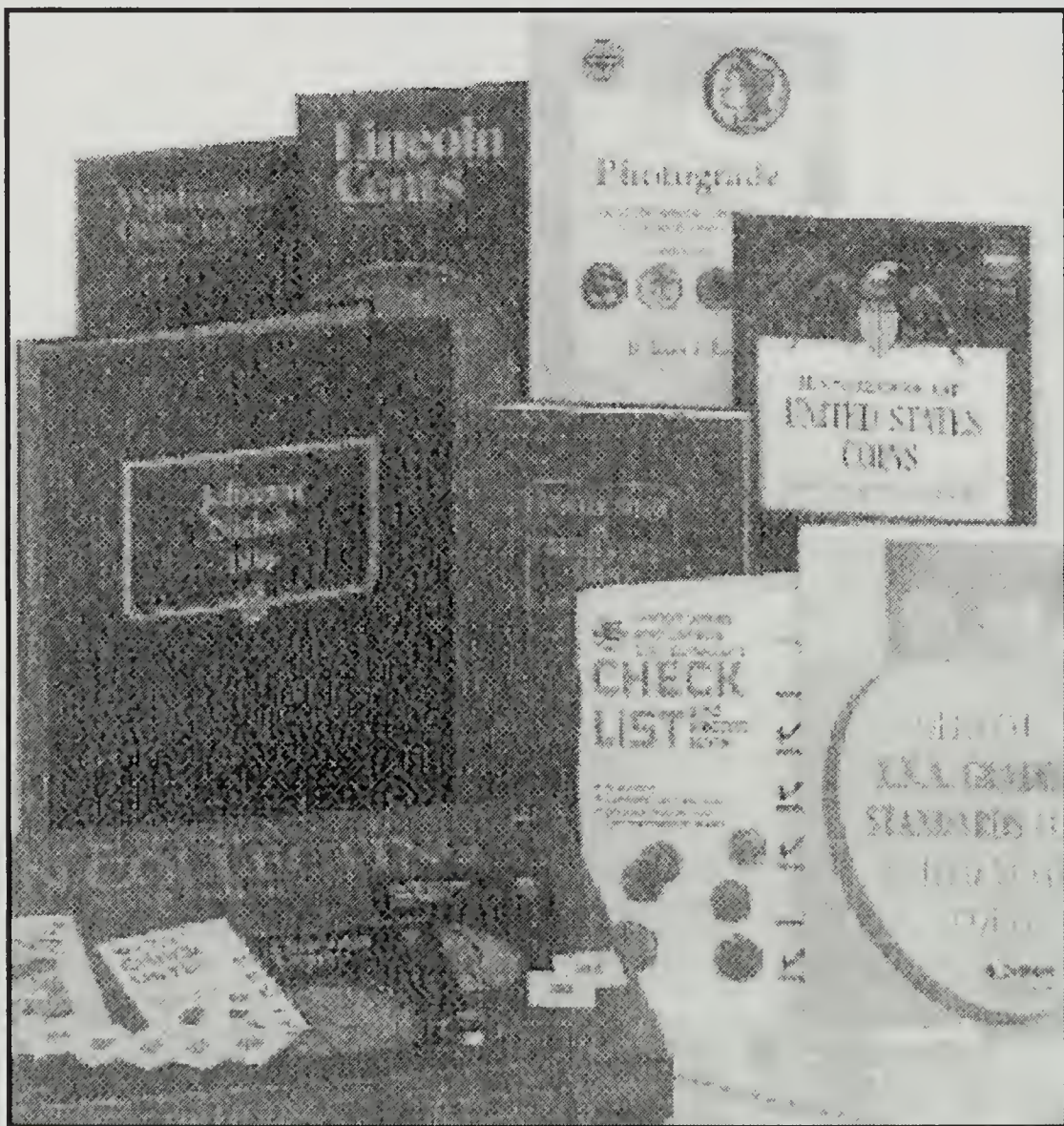
A total of 601,580 coins were eventually struck bearing the 1796 date. Today, less than two tenths of one percent of this mintage survive in all states-of-preservation, making these coins some of the most rare and valuable of all regular issue United States coins.

It was on June 26, 1796 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that David Rittenhouse died. David Rittenhouse will be most remembered as making several contributions to the surveying profession. His talents produced mechanical innovations that aided surveyors for over a century. He will also be remembered as helping the first U.S. mint become a stepping stone for all U.S. mints in the future to follow.

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Armenian Coins from Bedoukian Collection on Display

by Leon A. Saryan

On November 18, 2000, I had the good fortune to attend the opening of the display of the Bedoukian Family collection of highly important Armenian coins and antiquities. Entitled “Gold, Frankincense and More,” this lifetime collection assembled by Dr. Paul Z. Bedoukian, widely regarded as the world’s foremost living authority on Armenian numismatics, is presently on display at the Armenian Library and Museum of America (ALMA) in Watertown, Massachusetts.

I traveled to Boston for the weekend and attended the opening reception and banquet in the company of my parents, Sarkis and Armine Saryan, and fellow collector Manuel Panossian. Tastefully arranged by ALMA curator Gary Lind-Sinianian, this is the first comprehensive public presentation of this highly important collection.

Paul Bedoukian was born in 1912 in Sivas (ancient Sebastia), Asia Minor. While still a child he was deported along with his family from his home to the desert of Syria by order of the Turkish government. During this genocide, most of the deportees were murdered or died, but Bedoukian survived these tribulations and eventually reached safety in Bulgaria where he received his elementary education. Later, he moved to Canada where he studied organic chemistry at McGill University. After obtaining his Ph.D., he settled in New York where he became a research chemist for a leading perfumery manufacturer. He began collecting coins while still a boy, and as his collection grew he conceived the idea of writing a treatise on medieval Armenian coinage. To complete Coinage of Cilician Armenia (published by the American Numismatic Society in New York in 1962) he relied upon the resources of his own collection as well as the major collections in Europe.

Over a period of nearly half a century, Dr. Bedoukian almost single-handedly created the field of Armenian numismatic research, while at the same time



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pursuing a full-time career as an international authority in the field of perfume chemistry. This indefatigable researcher and scholar continued to enlarge his collection and used it as the basis for about a dozen books and over a hundred specialized research studies on Armenian coins and antiquities. Two of his most important contributions, Coinage of Cilician Armenia and Coinage of Artaxiads of Armenia (published the Royal Numismatic Society of London in 1978), remain indispensable references in the field.

Altogether, at least 10,000 Armenian coins and antiquities passed through the Bedoukian collection. Beginning as early as 1960, representative coins from the collection were gradually bequeathed to major museums around the world, including the American Numismatic Association museum in Colorado Springs, the American Numismatic Society in New York, the Smithsonian Institution, Harvard University, and several institutions in Europe and Armenia. In the past decade and a half, however, the Armenian Library and Museum of America (located near Boston) became the principal beneficiary of Bedoukian's largesse.

In 1986, Bedoukian and ALMA's trustees agreed upon a plan to purchase a bank with impressive facilities to serve as a permanent home for the institution. Bedoukian made a major financial contribution toward the purchase of a building located in the center of Watertown and then stocked the main gallery, named in his honor, with an impressive selection of coins, medals, artifacts, and antiquities from his personal collection. But it was not until late 1999 that he and his family parted with their remaining Armenian coins (more than 4000) and early printed books (his greatest passions), also gifting them in perpetuity to ALMA. With this acquisition, ALMA now owns what is arguably the finest and most comprehensive collection of Armenian coins and medals outside of Armenia.

ALMA's main gallery hall is devoted completely to representative items from this collection. Especially noteworthy is a large cabinet containing examples of dozens of numismatic research studies penned by Bedoukian, dating to 1952 when he published his first paper in the American Numismatic Society Museum Notes. The coin cabinets include a representative selection of ancient coins of the kings of Sophene Armenia and coins of the rulers of the ancient Artaxiad dynasty (notably, the coinage of Tigranes the Great and his successors) dating to the pre-Christian era. Medieval silver and copper pieces from every ruler of the Cilician Armenian kingdom were on display. Especially noteworthy is Bedoukian's extensive collection of gold medals, which includes nearly a complete collection of the extremely rare 18th century Armenian religious medals struck by wealthy Armenian merchants in Holland.

The antiquities collection includes several unique and highly significant pieces. Exquisite examples of Armenian and Urartian metalwork, religious artwork, weaponry, ceramic art (including glazed pieces from Kutahya, Isnik,

and New Julfa), illuminated manuscripts, early printed books and Bibles, textiles, ring seals, and other important objects are on display. Among the unique and historically significant items is an inscribed silk rug woven in Agin in 1898 by orphans from the massacres of 1896 in which 300,000 Armenians died. Another piece is a magnificent ceremonial copper tray with a lengthy Armenian inscription dated 1735, nearly 5 feet in diameter, that once belonged to the Holy See of the Armenian Church in Cilicia. This massive tray was rescued by the late Yervant Garabedian of Beirut, who at the risk of his life carried it on his back to safety during the massacres. Taken as a whole, this collection is an irreplaceable treasure of the Armenian heritage preserved for posterity through the efforts of a single indefatigable scholar-collector.

At the banquet, Dr. Paul Barsam, newly elected president of ALMA, spoke eloquently of Bedoukian's role in numismatic research, noting that he established the world standard for cataloging Armenian coins. Mr. Haig Der Manuelian, President-Emeritus of ALMA, pointed out that this collection, which reflects Bedoukian's astute collecting ability as well as his artistic taste and sensitivity, could not be replaced today for less than a sum of \$10 million. Speaking on behalf of his father and family, Dr. Bedoukian's son Robert expressed their satisfaction in the knowledge that the valuable collection so lovingly gathered and studied would be preserved and displayed at ALMA for the benefit of future generations.

Paul Bedoukian is a modest gentleman whom it has been my pleasure to know for nearly 20 years, and over that time I have benefited greatly from his knowledge of Armenian coins and history, encouragement, and generosity. He is an extremely accomplished researcher and writer, collector, and scientist whose lifetime contributions deserve to be recognized by the numismatic community. In 1988, I interviewed Bedoukian for an article that appeared in World Coin News, and the following year I was asked to prepare a summary of his scientific accomplishments in the field of chemistry for a commemorative volume issued in his honor by the Armenian Numismatic Society. In 1993, Bedoukian received the ANA Smedley Memorial award in recognition of his generosity to the ANA museum, and this year he has been nominated for the ANA's Medal of Merit and Farran Zerbe awards. Recently, the Armenian Numismatic Society, headquartered in Los Angeles, honored Dr. Bedoukian with a beautiful two-ounce lifetime achievement medal struck in proof finish gold. The medal, which bears Bedoukian's portrait and carries the seal of the seal of the Society, was presented to the Bedoukian family in September 2000.

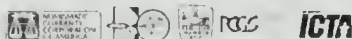
The special treat of this memorable evening was to once again be able to greet Paul, his wife Victoria, and their family, all of whom (despite health limitations) traveled from Connecticut to grace the reception with their presence.

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British Copper and American Coinage

by R.W. Julian

With the ending of the American War of Independence in 1783, there arose a great demand for English goods in the United States. To meet this need, American mercantile houses imported large quantities of merchandise. However, since America did not yet have much of importance to export, there was an enormous imbalance of trade. The merchants were thus forced to remit specie in payment for goods, virtually denuding the country of gold and silver coin.

During the 1780s the trade deficit was to continue to the point that it seriously threatened commercial traffic. The United States could not remit specie indefinitely and English merchants were feeling the pinch of extended credit to their American cousins. It was not until after 1789, with the establishment of a strong central government, that trade relations became stabilized.

Although there was a serious shortage of gold and silver coin, there rarely was a lack of copper coinage. During the 1780s many of the individual states, such as Massachusetts, began to strike large numbers of copper coins in order to fill in where the precious metals were missing. It was also designed to make money for the always hard-pressed civil governments.

In addition to the home-made money of the various states and sometimes individuals, American merchants began to import considerable quantities of English copper coins, primarily the well-known "Bungtowns," pieces struck in similarity to the Royal copper coinage but with bungled legends to avoid any charge of counterfeiting. Beyond this, however, some American entrepreneurs ordered special strikings of copper coinage in Birmingham. There are a number of the latter pieces, including the famous Nova Constellatio.

The first official connection with English copper almost came to pass in the late 1780s. In 1787 the Confederation government granted a contract to coin 40 million copper cents with the Fugio design, which has been attributed to Benjamin Franklin. Contractor James Jarvis, who had won the spirited bidding with a number of well-placed bribes, was unable to strike the required number of coins in the United States because his capital had been depleted by the illegal payments.

Jarvis journeyed to England in 1788 in an effort to persuade one of the English private coiners to help him finish the contract. He is known to have had extensive discussions with Matthew Boulton at Soho, but this came to nothing because Boulton insisted on prompt payment if he was to strike the coinage. In the end the whole project collapsed, with only a few hundred thousand coppers being struck, all in the United States.

In 1789 the new American government came into being. This one act was to put the country on a firm financial footing after European bankers saw that a stable central government would be able to repay its loans. In particular the bankers of Holland were to provide the silver and gold to fund the new government.

In late 1789 John H. Mitchell of South Carolina attempted to set himself up as a middleman between the American government and Matthew Boulton. Mitchell obtained terms from Boulton as to striking of copper coinage and presented them to the Congress in his own name, rather than that of Boulton.

Ironically, it was to be this attempt at a contract coinage through Matthew Boulton that was to provide the impetus for the creation of an American monetary system. When the Mitchell petition was received by the Congress in the early days of 1790, it was sent to Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson for consideration. In May, 1790, his answer was received.

Jefferson understood that Mitchell's "mint in Europe" was in reality that of Boulton. While admitting that Boulton's coinage was certainly the finest in the world, Jefferson felt that Mitchell's petition should be denied because it was poor public policy for a new nation to put its coinage in the hands of a foreign contractor, no matter how reliable and competent that person might be.

After Jefferson presented his report, Congress asked Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton to prepare a detailed report on the creation of an American mint and monetary system. This was finished in January, 1791. There were the usual legislative delays, but in April 1792 Congress enacted the basic mint law. The law established a bimetallic system of silver and gold coinage and a subsidiary coinage of copper cents and half cents; it was intended that this copper coinage be struck at nearly its intrinsic value to prevent counterfeiting. In line with the current European practice, it had no legal tender status.

During 1792 the newly-appointed Director of the Mint, David Rittenhouse, struggled to put the institution on a sound footing. He saw to it that the necessary buildings were erected and the machinery purchased. It was to be several months before the Mint could even be called semi-operational.

In the latter part of 1792 Rittenhouse and his Chief Coiner, Henry Voight, made strenuous efforts to obtain enough scrap copper in the Philadelphia area, the location of the new mint, to begin coining copper. This proved impossible and Rittenhouse soon turned to American merchants and through them began to import sheet copper from English mills.

At the same time, in late 1792 and early 1793, the director also made an effort to obtain a large quantity of plate copper directly from the London market. The American Minister to the Court of St. James, Thomas Pinckney, was instructed to make the necessary arrangements. He in turn contacted the firm of Taylor and Baily and through them several thousand pounds of sheet copper were sent to America in September 1793, well after the end of the coinage for that year.

It should be noted that the American mint officials wanted sheet (or plate) copper rather than scrap material because, if the sheet copper was of the proper thickness, it was only necessary to punch the blanks directly from the sheets. Of course, once the planchets had been punched out, the remainder was cast and rolled again.

Due to the beginning of the American silver coinage in October 1794 and the gold in July 1795, there was virtually no copper coinage at the Philadelphia Mint for the better part of 1795. When the third director, Elias Boudinot, assumed control in late October 1795, he found a large mass of scrap copper but little else. A small mintage of copper was then carried out, but this did not alleviate the shortage of copper coin as there was not enough of it and the mint rollers were in a precarious state of repair. (Although copper coinage did resume a few weeks later, the increasingly poor condition of the all-important rolling mills forced an end to the work in the spring of 1796.)

Boudinot, one of the most energetic men that ever directed the Mint, determined to put the American copper coinage on a regular basis and no longer subject to interruptions. To this end he wrote his nephew, Samuel Bayard, then in London as chief of the mission settling war claims between the two nations. Bayard immediately contacted Matthew Boulton, to determine if the Soho coiner could supply the necessary sheet copper on a regular basis. Boulton at first agreed to do so but suggested that he furnish ready-made planchets instead. Boulton felt that with his Soho facilities, it would be much easier and cheaper for him to simply produce the planchets than for the American authorities to melt, cast, and roll the scrap copper produced from the sheet. Unfortunately, at the last moment, Boulton discovered that he was over-extended in his other commitments and had to decline, for the time being, any American contracts.

After this disappointment, Boudinot turned to William Coltman of the Governor & Company of Copper Miners in England. An American named Thomas Clifford (who just happened to be the father-in-law of Coltman) had highly recommended Coltman and intimated that the English firm could supply all of the Mint's copper needs, whether in sheet or ready-made planchet form. On March 1, 1796, Boudinot wrote Coltman with a trial order for ten tons of sheet copper with a promise of more orders to come if the quality were right and the price reasonable. The director stipulated that Coltman was to furnish a part of the order in cent planchets of 168 grains weight if this was feasible and would not seriously delay the entire shipment.

Coltman shipped the copper in mid-July 1796 and it arrived at the Philadelphia docks about three months later. It did not take Boudinot long to discover that, for good American gold, Coltman had sent him copper prepared with shoddy and indifferent workmanship. On October 20 the director sent Coltman a stinging letter about the inferior quality of the copper received. Boudinot complained that he was forced to have the sheet copper rolled again since it

was so rough as to preclude immediate use. Beyond this, however, the cent blanks sent were so rough that, in many cases, they had to be scoured by hand before they could be struck into coins; many were convex, making them difficult to strike up properly in the coining press.

In early 1797 Boudinot again requested planchets from Boulton, but the latter was unable to give a definite time for shipping any copper to America because of his other commitments and the difficulty of obtaining copper from his Welsh suppliers. The mint director then wrote Bayard, still in London, asking him to expedite matters if possible.

Nearly one-half million cent planchets were received from Boulton in August 1797 while another 400,000 were received from Governor & Company two months later, after Boudinot reluctantly gave the latter a second chance. The mint director was again very unhappy with the Governor & Company shipment. He wrote another angry letter, pointing out that this shipment was charged at 311 pounds per ton more and was 311 pounds per ton worse executed than that Boulton.

The director went on to note that if there were to be any further orders from Coltman's firm, then they would have to meet both the price and quality of Matthew Boulton. Apparently this could not be done, because the correspondence between Boudinot and Coltman falls silent at this point. Boudinot was now utterly dependent upon Matthew Boulton. Although it was never directly stated, it is clear that there was by now a policy of having the planchets made outside the mint for the copper coinage. The infant American mint was simply not capable of handling the masses of planchets needed for the large coinages.

Although Boulton had at length been persuaded to ship a token amount of planchets in 1797, this did not mean that he would do so in the future. In fact, only one shipment was received from Soho in 1798. Nearly one million planchets for cents, approximately ten long tons of copper, arrived at the American mint in July.

For the next several months Boudinot constantly wrote Boulton asking that more and more planchets be sent as soon as possible. His entreaties were to be answered in part during 1799 when the Soho coiner was able to ship more than 2.6 million cent blanks. Another large shipment was also sent to America in the summer of 1800. In this latter shipment, Boulton sent for the first time several kegs of half cent planchets.

Unfortunately, at this very time Boulton began to have some difficulties obtaining enough copper to supply all of his customers. The wars with Napoleon had made copper a strategic material and others besides Boulton were bidding up the price in an ever-increasing spiral of metallic inflation. At one point the Soho mintmaster wrote his American customer that the East India Company was buying enormous amounts of copper in the London Market.

From the summer of 1800 until the latter part of 1801 the Philadelphia Mint

received no copper planchets from Boulton and thus struck no copper coinage for the public. This was the last real interruption for some years, however, as Boulton was able to ship, on a regular basis, sufficient cent and half cent blanks to keep the Americans well supplied through 1814.

The growing crisis between Britain and America after 1807 was to culminate in a declaration of war by the Americans in June 1812. The conflict stopped normal commercial affairs and it was not until early in 1815 that the Americans were again able to order planchets from Soho. In this case the order was made to Matthew Robinson Boulton, who had assumed control after his father's death in 1809.

The first postwar shipment of cent blanks was received by the Philadelphia mint in December, 1815. Striking began at once but it appears that dies of 1816 were used, there being no known genuine cents of 1815 in existence. Boulton was not the sole English supplier of cent blanks to the Americans after 1815. Belles & Harrold, also of Birmingham, sold many tons of blanks to them. The latter firm sent their last shipment in 1833, however.

The growing American desire to be self-sufficient in all matters finally touched the Philadelphia mint as well. In 1832 the Taunton, Massachusetts, firm of Crocker Brothers, sent a trial shipment of cent planchets in an effort to obtain all the orders from the mint. They were not at first successful because the Boulton price was still competitive. At length, however, Crocker Brothers were not only able to lower their price to a point below that of the Soho mint, but contracted to serve as a distributor of the newly coined cents in the New England area.

The combination of lower price and distributing agent proved an unbeatable combination and Mint Director Robert M. Patterson reluctantly informed Matthew R. Boulton in 1838 that all future planchet orders would be executed in America. Thus, with the last shipment of English blanks to America in 1837, came the end of a long association.

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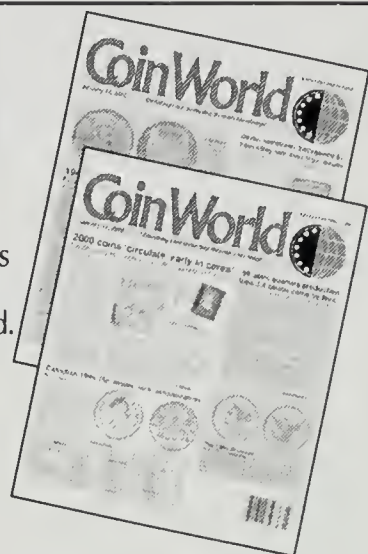
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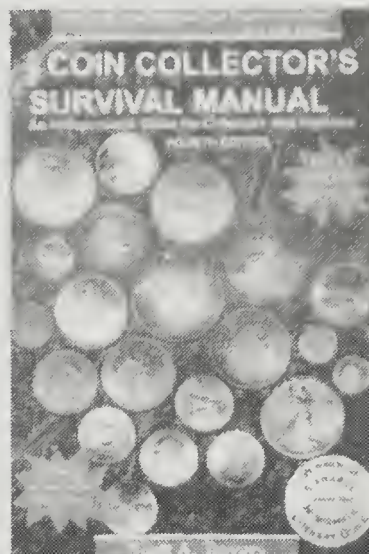
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Y. T. Nercessian, (Los Angeles: Armenian Numismatic Society, 2000) Special publication no. 9, 678 pages, 96 plates, cloth cover (octavo), issue price \$75.00.

Reviewed by Leon A. Saryan

Author Yeghia T. Nercessian has established a formidable reputation as a researcher in the field of Armenian numismatics. His output has been noteworthy both in terms of quantity and quality. He has concentrated his attention on ancient and medieval coinage of Armenia, paper currency, and numismatic literature. More than 25 years ago, he founded the quarterly Armenian Numismatic Journal which he continues to edit (and to which he contributes a large proportion of the articles).

Nercessian has authored or edited several previous books and collected works, notably Armenian Numismatic Bibliography and Literature (1984), Banknotes of Armenia (1988), and Armenian Coins and Their Values (1995). These have proven extremely useful for researchers, collectors, and dealers. Armenian Coins and Their Values, for example, classifies nearly 500 types of ancient and medieval coins, provides estimated market valuations in two collectable grades, and offers valuable guidance about grading and counterfeit detection in these series.

Armenian Numismatic Studies, released in March 2000, is a collection of 55 essays that were previously published in scattered periodicals. Almost all of the essays are in English with short Armenian-language summaries provided. Altogether, thirteen essays cover the ancient period and twenty-one cover medieval Armenian numismatics. Nine papers deal with banknotes of the early 20th century, five cover modern exnumia (medals and pins), and seven concern miscellaneous topics such as the contribution of numismatics to the study of history and biographies of famous numismatists.

Among the most important contributions are studies of coin hoards of Tigranes the Great (95-56 B.C.), a catalog of overstruck coins of Tigranes the Great, hoard studies of Levon I (1198-1219 A.D.) and several other kings of Cilician Armenia, and an introduction to the coinage of Cilician Armenia. The book is profusely illustrated with diagrams and text figures as well as 96 two-tone photographic plates. A complete bibliography and index provide some thematic unity to the work.

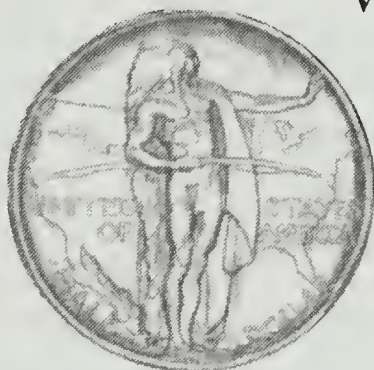
The essays provide useful and interesting background on Armenian history that aids in understanding the context of the coins. It is worth adding that, as a whole, the studies are sound and trustworthy, something that unfortunately cannot be said for another publication on the same topic recently released in Europe. Given that there are virtually no documentary sources available to illumine early Armenian coinages, some areas (such as the attribution of certain coins to King Tigranes I and King Artaxias II) are bound to remain controversial

to specialists.

This work does not represent all of Nercessian's contributions to Armenian coinage studies. My principle criticism is that the author does not provide any information indicating how the articles were selected and edited for publication. This is a minor point, however, and one that does not in any way detract from the interesting and important information that is now conveniently available in this volume. Once again, Nercessian has provided researchers and collectors with a useful and interesting book representing a lifetime of spadework in the numismatic field.

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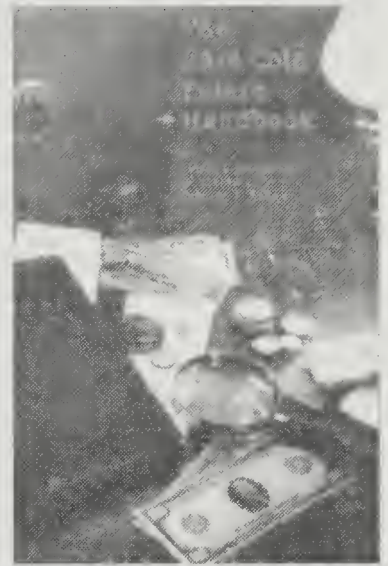
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The authors, James L. Halperin, R. Steven Ivy, and Gregory J. Rohan, are experienced collectors and executives of Heritage Rare Coin Galleries of Dallas, Texas (www.HeritageCoin.com), the world's largest rare coin dealership and numismatic auctioneer. They provide specific, how-to information about avoiding estate problems while getting top dollar while disposing of a collection. They reveal experts' tips for winning encounters with coin dealers and the IRS.

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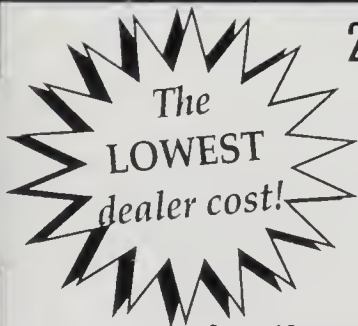


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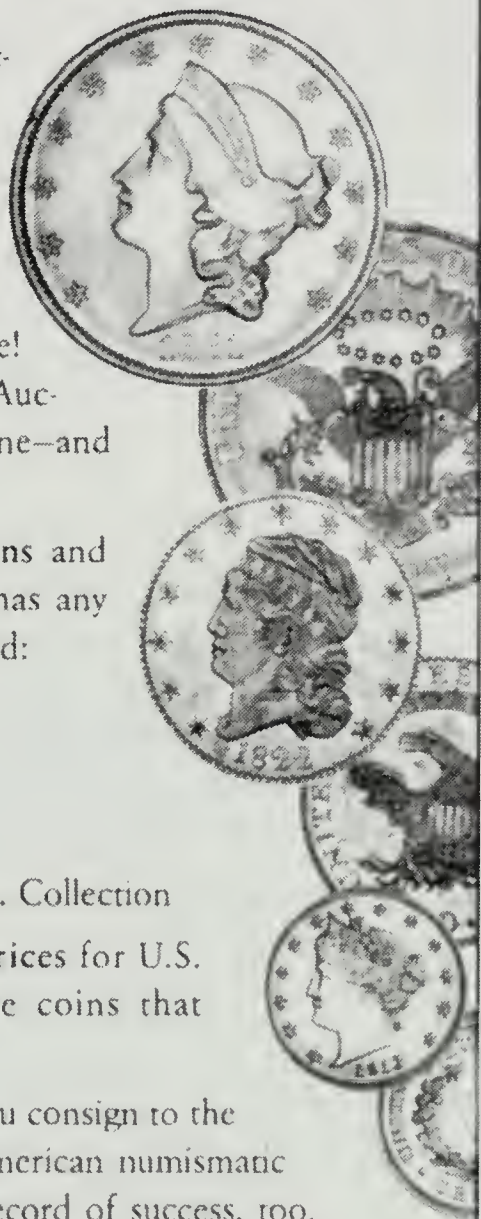
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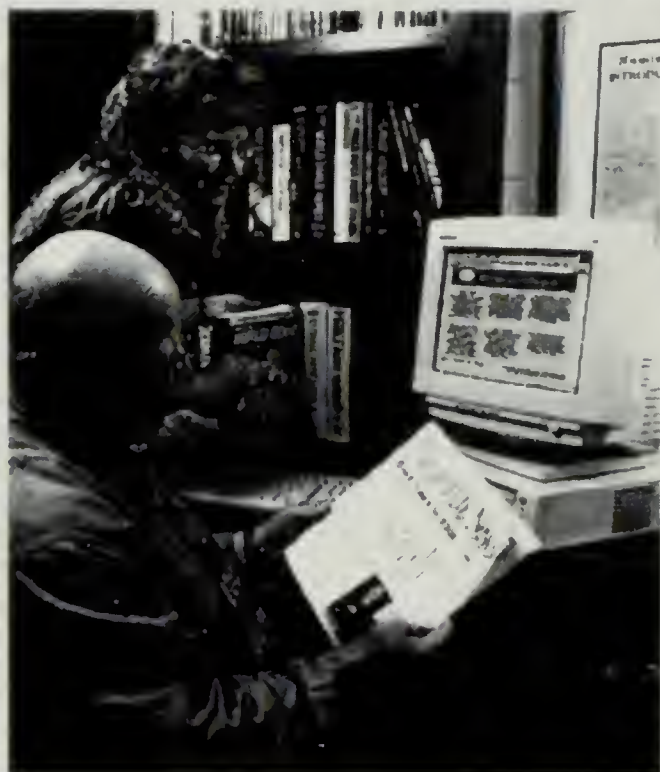
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